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#### **Driving Work Experience**

•	Castle Combe Circuit: Freelance Instructor (ARDS).	Mar 2023 – present
•	Silverstone Circuit: Freelance Instructor (ARDS).	Oct 2022 – present
•	Pro Two: Freelance Driving Consultant. Manufacturer Test drives.	Mar 2022 - present
•	Thruxton Motorsport Centre: Freelance Instructor (ARDS).	Apr 2021 – present
•	Porsche Experience Centre Silverstone: Freelance Driving Consultant (4x4 Track- PTE)	Mar 2020 – present
•	Goodwood Motor Circuit (U-17 Track & Simulators)	Feb 2020 – present
•	Mercedes Benz World, Brooklands: Freelance Driving Specialist (U-17 4x4 Track)	Nov 2019 – present
•	Newton Europe, Abingdon. Freelance Driver. VIP/Exec transportation.	Oct 2019 – present
•	Freelance Performance Car Instructor (Driving Experience Companies)	
	<ul> <li>Car Chase Heroes, SuperCar Drive Days, U-Drive Cars</li> </ul>	Mar 2019 – Dec 21
•	Freelance Trade Plate vehicle delivery driver/ inspector	
	<ul> <li>MSL Logistics (Northamptonshire).</li> </ul>	May 2019 - Nov 19

## **Driving Qualification**

- Millbrook Permit Holder
- ARDS Instructor (Grade A). Sponsor School: Thruxton Motorsport Centre
- Motorsport UK Qualified Coach (L2)
- SDSA SUV & 4x4 Trainer & Demonstrator
- SDSA Advanced Handling Skills
- SDSA Core Competencies, Professional & Supervised Driving activities
- SDSA Low Friction Handling Dynamics
- SDSA U-17 Driving Instruction
- Advanced Driver (RoSPA: Gold 2013 & Gold 2017)
- Advanced Driving tutor/instructor. RoSPA 2018
- Diploma (Level 4) in Advanced Behavioural Driver Training. RoSPA 2018
- DVSA Approved driving instructor (ADI) Grade A. 2019
- DVSA Registered Fleet Trainer 2019
- HGV2/LGV Licence (1991)
- Motorcycle Licence (1991)
- 4x4 training and experience through military Service (1987-1999) and client training (MBW/Porsche).

# **Additional Information**

- Charity Minibus: Trustee, chairman & volunteer driver of RWMT Group, who run a local charity minibus service (2011-present) <a href="https://www.buckland-oxfordshire.co.uk">www.buckland-oxfordshire.co.uk</a>
- RoSPA: Membership of the Wiltshire branch of RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders (RoADAR) since 2013. Committee
  Member since 2016. Membership Secretary from 2017-2022, Tutor Since 2018. <a href="https://www.wiltshireroadar.co.uk">www.wiltshireroadar.co.uk</a>
- Lived in Germany (Munich) for 6 years. Passable German spoken. Lived in Saudi Arabia as a child (4 years in Riyadh & Jeddah).
- Qualified Electrician.
- Worked in IT systems (Compaq, HP). Support analyst (12 years).
- Worked in retail distribution (Adsa, Unichem, Superdrug). Warehouse Management.
- Military Service. 12 years Royal Signals. Driver. Radio operator & instructor. Skill at Arms Instructor, range officer.

## Motorsport Background.

- Current race licence: FIA -ITC-C (International C)
- Extensive front wheel drive race experience (Mini R50/R53).
- ARDS Instructor: Grade A (Sponsor School: Thruxton)
- Motorsport UK registered driver coach (Level 2).
- Superbike Racing (European club level) 7 years (Suzuki GSX-R750, Ducati 999, Aprilia RSV 1000)
- Kart Racing (since 1987) including seasons with Club 100 2008 & 2009

### • Driven Ohm Racing

Driven Ohm Racing Ltd is a subsidiary company to my main limited company

- o I race predominantly at Castle Combe Hot Hatch and occasionally in 750MC/CSCC Tin Tops classes. I started in a Mini Cooper in 2020, and upgraded to a Mini Cooper S from 2021.
- In 2020 I shared the Cooper in order to reduce costs. Once the second car was acquired the idea to retain the original car and rent it out came to fruition.
- Arrive and Drive Hire. From In 2021 I began renting out the spare car to novice race drivers running alongside my race car. In 2022 I added a third car to the fleet, another R53 Cooper S. We offer full data, video and driver coaching to novice or developing racers.
- Race Car Experiences: From 2021 we offer members of the public Race Car Experiences in the racing Minis.
   Up to 4 drivers per car with professional coaching.
- Private client coaching in their own cars (either road cars or race cars) to work on driver development.
   Venues include off public road (airfield etc), race track or simulators.

#### Race History

- 2023: Full season at Combe: 9 Races
  - Podiums: 8, Wins 4
  - Position in class: 1<sup>st</sup>: Class Champion (Overall 3<sup>rd</sup> in series)
  - 3 Guest races: 2 Combe and 1 Silverstone. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class.
- 2022: Full Season at Castle Combe: 9 Races.
  - Podiums: 4
  - Position in class: 4
  - Guest Races at Combe and Silverstone
- 2021: Full season at Castle Combe: 10 Races.
  - Podiums: 3
  - Position in class: 5
  - Guest Races at Combe and Silverstone (2 class wins)
- o 2020: 13 Races (Castle Combe, Donington Park, Snetterton, Silverstone)
  - Podiums: 1
  - Position in Combe class: 6
- $\circ$  2019: Race licence acquired. No races completed, ADI training took precedence.
- 2002-09 Superbike: Racing at club level. Initially on a Suzuki GSX-R 750, a one off ride on a Ducati 999 then on a 2003 Aprilia RSV-1000.
  - Circuits include; Magione (Italy), Brno (Czech Rep), Hockenheim (Germany), Salzburgring (Austria),
     Rijeka (Croatia), Pannoniaring (Hungary).
- 1988- present: Karting: Arrive and drive karting. In 2008 & 2009 I competed in 2 full seasons of Club100 racing in National spec 2 stroke karts.
  - Circuits include; Buckmore Park, Whilton Mill, Clay Pigeon, Bayford Meadows, Llandow, Rye House. Arrive and Drive at various indoor locations, plus pro-Karts at Buckmore, Clay Pigeon, Thruxton, Daytona Milton Keynes, Daytona Sandown Park.